

**NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**November 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

6:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners McIntosh, Rhyne, Rodheim, Duffield, West and Avery were present.  
Commissioner Valdes was absent.

Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner

Staff: Manager Chris Miller  
Supervisor Shannon Levin

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Jim Mosher commented on the new format for public comment on non-agenda items.
- Dan Purcell requested the October Minutes reflect his comments accurately.

**MINUTES**

- Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the September 2011 Minutes, and Commissioner Rhyne seconded. Motion passed.
- Commissioner West made a motion to approve the October 2011 Minutes with the amendment as suggested during Dan Purcell's public comments, and Commissioner Rhyne seconded. Motion passed.

**ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS**

***ITEM #1***

**Subject:** 50 Steps to Better Water Quality

**Abstract:** The Harbor Commission will hear a presentation from the Orange County Dana Point Director Brad Gross on water quality with a focus on the County's Recycling Center.

**Discussion:** Mayor Pro Tem Gardner was interested in all of the aspects of the County's program at Dana Point, and requested the City to work on a Clean Marina Program for the Balboa Yacht Basin. She also requested that Brad please make the same presentation to the Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee at a later date. Commissioner Avery inquired about sea lions and if there was an issue in Dana Point. Commissioner McIntosh wondered if there was any objections to the "bird dis-incentives"? Commissioner West wondered if there was a problem with pelicans on the breakwater? The Commission decided that Vince Valdes should be the liaison between the Commission and the Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee.

**Action:** Receive and File

***ITEM #2***

**Subject:** Proposed New Public Dock and Balboa Marina Expansion at 201 E. Coast Highway  
– A Conceptual Review

**Abstract:** The City and The Irvine Company are jointly exploring the concept of a new public pier and expansion of the Balboa Marina at 201 E. Coast Highway. The Harbor Commission will hear a presentation on the proposal.

**Discussion:** Commissioner West asked why the project would be done in phases? (Answer: To reduce expenses.) Commissioner Duffield was happy with the proposal as it was much better project than he was expecting. Commissioner Avery asked if boats would extend into the harbor (Answer: No.) He supported the proposal and commended the public/private partnership. Commissioner Rodheim noted that visitors can walk to the marine hardware store when using these slips. He also noted that there aren't enough large boat slips in the harbor, and this will help that need. He wondered if the groin would help with tidal action in that part of the harbor. Commissioner Duffield noted that a dry stack operation may be forthcoming near the project site. Commissioner Rhyne said that we'll need to pay attention to the details when designing the project.

**Action:** The Harbor Commission is requested to provide comments on the conceptual plan for a new public dock and Balboa Marina expansion.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cruising Guide:** This is moving forward with the next meeting in late November.

**Code Enforcement:** Commissioner Avery met with Code Enforcement staff from the Community Development Department to discuss landside approaches to Code Enforcement.

**Mooring:** Commissioner Duffield said that Chip Donnelly will volunteer to help with realigning the moorings when the time comes during the dredging project.

**Visioning:** Commercial and public access areas will be concentrated on to focus on increasing access and connecting the harbor with the possibility of a continuous walkway.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

- Mayor Pro Tem Gardner stated that she is very excited about the times that the City is in now, particularly with the focus on the harbor and all of the current and future projects.

### **HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE**

- Manager Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1777>*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

### **RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

- Lieutenant Tom Slayton for a Harbor Patrol update
- ExploreOcean
- Ships to Reef
- Florida Derelict Boats

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned around 8:10 PM.